

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on January 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lexi Goble, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 99, 1/2/2017; HB 104, 1/2/2017; HB 107, 1/2/2017

00:01:19 Chair White

[EXHIBIT\(nah10a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:21 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 104, Statutory appropriation for Ground Water Investigation Program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:08 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
 00:09:23 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Right Coalition (SWRC)
 Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)
 00:10:48 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association (MMA)
 00:12:07 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers (MWWDA)
 00:13:14 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
 00:13:51 Jeff Wivholm, Montana Association of Conservation District (MACD)
 00:14:53 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Rights Association (MWRA)
 00:15:43 Bryan Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
 00:16:34 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 00:17:54 Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:19:14 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

[EXHIBIT\(nah10a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:59 Rep. Flynn
 00:23:26 Rep. Glimm
 00:23:37 John Metesh, MBMG
 00:26:03 Rep. Flynn
 00:26:24 John Metesh, MBMG
 00:28:22 Rep. Noland
 00:29:01 Rep. Glimm
 00:29:09 Rep. Noland
 00:29:19 Rep. Glimm
 00:29:26 Rep. Court
 00:29:50 John Metesh, MBMG
 00:29:58 Rep. Court
 00:30:01 John Metesh, MBMG
 00:30:31 Rep. Court
 00:30:39 John Metesh, MBMG
 00:31:20 Chair White
 00:32:03 John Metesh, MBMG
 00:32:56 Chair White
 00:34:18 Rep. Glimm

00:34:34 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 00:35:00 Chair White
 00:35:19 Joe Kolman, LSD
 00:35:46 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:55 Rep. Glimm

HEARING ON HB 107

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:44 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 107, Establish Surface Water Assessment and Monitoring Program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:03 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
 00:42:31 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Right Coalition (SWRC)
 Association of Gallatin Irrigators (AGAI)
 00:44:43 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association (MMA)
 00:46:03 Bryan Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
 00:47:04 Jeff Wivholm, Montana Association of Conservation District (MACD)
 00:47:42 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
 00:48:51 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Right Association (MWRA)
 00:49:34 Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)
 00:50:30 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:51:49 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)
[EXHIBIT\(nah10a03\)](#)

00:58:42 Chair White
 00:58:58 Evan Hammer, Montana State Library

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:32 Rep. Curdy
 01:00:24 John Metesh, MBMG
 01:00:59 Rep. Court
 01:01:25 Rep. Glimm
 01:01:41 Rep. Court
 01:02:12 Rep. Glimm
 01:02:29 Rep. Court
 01:02:37 Rep. Glimm
 01:03:05 Vice Chair Manzella
 01:03:39 Rep. Glimm
 01:03:51 Chair White
 01:04:49 Bryan Ohs, MTU

01:05:54 Chair White
 01:07:24 John Metesh, MBMG
 01:08:29 Chair White
 01:08:34 John Metesh, MBMG
 01:08:40 Rep. Court
 01:09:04 Rep. Glimm
 01:09:34 Chair White
 01:09:47 Vice Chair Z. Brown
 01:10:10 Rep. Glimm
 01:11:40 Rep. Flynn
 01:12:05 John Metesh, MBMG
 01:12:12 Rep. Flynn
 01:12:16 John Metesh, MBMG
 01:12:39 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:53 Rep. Glimm

HEARING ON HB 99

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:39 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 99, Limit adverse effects analysis.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:24 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
 01:23:27 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers (MWWDA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:25:29 Bryan Bramblett, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation(DNRC)
[EXHIBIT\(nah10a04\)](#)
 01:34:26 Bryan Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:20 Chair White
 01:39:03 Bryan Bramblett, DNRC
 01:40:00 Chair White
 01:40:57 Bryan Bramblett, DNRC
 01:41:06 Chair White
 01:41:13 Bryan Bramblett, DNRC
 01:41:22 Millie Heffner, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
 01:42:03 Chair White
 01:43:30 Vice Chair Z. Brown
 01:44:50 Chair White
 01:44:56 Rep. Noland
 01:45:20 Abigail St. Lawrence, MAR

01:49:45 Rep. Windy Boy
01:50:40 Vice Chair Z. Brown
01:51:29 Rep. B. Brown
01:52:30 Vice Chair Z. Brown
01:52:40 Rep. B. Brown
01:52:53 Vice Chair Z. Brown
01:53:03 Rep. B. Brown
01:53:22 Chair White
01:53:30 Rep. Court
01:53:47 Vice Chair Z. Brown
01:54:02 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:27 Vice Chair Z. Brown
01:55:40 Chair White
01:57:14 Rep. B. Brown

Motion/Vote: Rep. B. Brown moved that **LETTER BE SENT TO US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:59:50

Lexi Goble, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah10aad.pdf](#))